

## Trimont City Council Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building on the 18th day of February 2025 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Council Member Bradford Flohrs, Council Member Ronald Shade, Council Member Justin Lubben, Council Member Brian Krumwiede, Mayor Kevin Kuehl

Mayor Kevin Kuehl presided over the meeting.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comments:  
None

**Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Agenda. 5-0**

**Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Minutes January 21<sup>st</sup> Regular meeting as printed. 5-0**

Fire and Ambulance Report:

The new radios have come in. The pumper truck is back in service, NCI has not gotten a bill to us yet. The pumper truck did get a service done to it while they had it at NCI. Tanker truck has a bad valve. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, and motion to approve purchase of chief helmet for Nick Swanson. 5-0** The relief bought another ice suit. The department would like to paint lines in the fire hall to make it easier to back up the equipment into the hall. The township meeting went well. They have put on the schedule to purchase a new chassis for the '95 tanker in 2026 and a chassis for the grass rig in 2027. Ambulance will not need to pay anything extra for the zoll machine with the grants that they received. The council feels they have raised enough money to cover half the cost. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion approved to move funds from state emergency ambulance aid to 4M account in the amount of \$52,337.24 earmarked for ambulance. 5-0**

Public Works Report:

Discussion on the wet well door and needing to be replaced. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve DHI bid with option #2. 5-0** The library basement windows need to be sealed up to stop the rain water leaking in. This item was on the list of repairs that needed to be done from last year. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Steve Smith bid of \$500. 5-0** Council Member Bradford Flohrs Thanked Public works for diligently finding the water leak with the two water main breaks we had.

Police Report:

Discussion on coverage while chief was at D.A.R.E. training. Further research to see about coverage when chief is on vacation. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Use of Force training at \$225. 5-0**

Clerk Report:

Appraisal from the farmland came back at \$8103/acre. Turned in capital bonding for 2025. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve 2 council members to attend day at the capital for \$99 each. 5-0** Discussion on charging for certificate of assessment. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve adding Certificate of Assessment charge to fee schedule of \$25. 5-0** Discussion on the possibility of a bench from the donations received for Memorial Park playground equipment. Discussion on the pending nuisance abatement on Apple St. Owner is willing to sign over to the city. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve to move forward with abatement and owner signing property over to city. 5-0**

Tabled Items:

ToolCat: Useful equipment many uses for all departments within the city. Hydraulic driven equipment and use with high flow pumps could be used. Time saving with many jobs around town along with saving wear and tear on other equipment. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve purchase of Toolcat. 4-1 N: Council Member Brian Krumwiede** Discussion on how to finance the Toolcat. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve Kelli Harder to get updated interest rates from both banks. 5-0** Bid for Wet Well heater electrical work. Mayor Kuehl presented letter stating that he is no longer a shareholder for Kuehl's Electric. **Motion made by Council Member Ronald Shade, seconded by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, and motion to approve Kuehl's Electric bid of \$700 to wire wet well heater. 4-0 Abstaining: Mayor Kevin Kuehl**

Zoning Permit:

Richard Ericson – 40 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE – discussion on application to build a garage. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve zoning permit with conditions of owner purchasing some of neighboring parcel. 5-0**

Chicken Permit:

Permit application From Ryan Geistfeld and Kody Schultz. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve both chicken permits. 5-0**

Conditional Use Permit:

Lacey Schmidtke is seeking renewal of her homes conditional use permit. **Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve Litle L's Sweet Treats, conditional use permit. 5-0**

Ballfield updated Justin White

Would like to have some improvements done to the ballfield, to be used by the pony league. Would need to extend the gravel playing area, get lighting to work, possible shelter for dugouts. The softball league could try to do some fundraising. Justin will work with the parks committee to get dollars needed for update.

Resolution 2025-02 Donation to the Library:

Discussion on what to use the funds to benefit the library. Thanking Fuller's for their donation as they have done a great job in contributing and support to the Library. **Motion made by Council Member Brian**

**Krumwiede, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve resolution for donation from Fullers in the amount of \$717.37. 5-0**

Closed Meeting: Discussion of real estate – Minnesota statue 13.03 D  
 Discussion on the old school lot and the potential of selling it.  
 Also discussed the value of the farmland and the potential of selling it at what price.

Opened Meeting

**Motion made by Council Member Justin Lubben, seconded by Council Member Ronald Shade, and motion to approve the sale of the old school lot for \$1. 5-0**

Consent Agenda:

**Motion made by Council Member Bradford Flohrs, seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben, and motion to approve consent agenda. 5-0**

**Approve financials statements from January 2025**

**Approval of Bank Reconciliation**

**Approval to pay the following bills**

# January Bills

AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES	\$223.15	checks
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO.	\$549.00	water plant flow switch
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	\$716.80	new taser - safety money
BADGER METER	\$342.02	
BEVCOMM, INC	\$631.07	
BIRKHOLZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$100.00	service fee on Victoria swanson
BORNTRAGER AUTO BODY & TOWING	\$414.00	remove & disassemble pump-old tanker
BURKHARDT & BURKHARDT, LTD.	\$759.00	attend council meeting
BURKHARDT & BURKHARDT, LTD.	\$112.50	discuss matters with mayor
BURKHARDT & BURKHARDT, LTD.	\$260.00	1099 E file
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$1,427.68	
CENEX FLEET FUELING	\$400.05	
CUSTOM ELECTRIC LLC	\$284.60	install warranty heater, shop lights & bath lights
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$694.99	4" repair sleeve - 2
FARMERS STATE BANK	\$21,730.00	
FMCP	\$4,223.00	

GALL S, INC.	\$57.83	shirt for Kevin Hilgendorf
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, IN HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP,	\$54.05	
INDOFF INC.	\$30.00	
INDOFF INC.	\$39.58	
JOINT POWERS BOARD	\$4,950.00	2024 joint powers equipment usage
JON AURINGER	\$875.47	Meal & mileage for DARE training
KUEHL S ELECTRIC INC.	\$90.00	areator motor
LAND SERVICES	\$850.00	appraisal of farmland
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES	\$1,169.44	Safety training 2025
LEAGUE OF MINN. CITIES IN	\$316.00	Contents ins increase.
MARTIN COUNTY STAR	\$42.00	print resolution 2024-33
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	\$36.76	meter top for poppe
MOORE AND ACE INC.	\$192.30	
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIE	\$235.99	buffer solution- test PH at WWTP
RENAE WALLACE	\$74.99	ambulance supplies
RIVER BEND BUSINESS	\$8.00	
ROGERS TWO WAY RADIO INC.	\$18,249.00	new radios 6 -fire dept
ROGERS TWO WAY RADIO INC.	\$8,928.00	New radios - Ambulance
ROGERS TWO WAY RADIO INC.	\$8,928.00	NEW RADIOS - Fire
SOUTHER MN HOME CREATIVE	\$100.00	
SOUTHERN MINNESOTA MECHANICAL	\$380.00	backflow preventer testing
TRIMONT FIREMEN S RELIEF	\$1,200.00	2025 cleaning of fire hall
UC LABORATORY	\$1,018.82	
ULINE	\$172.71	
WASTECORP PUMPS LLC	\$110.66	graphite & plunger Muffin Monster
<b>Added</b>		
South Central Electric	\$5,407.85	
Paulson Heating & Cooling	\$5,199.00	2nd 1/2 for Wastewater heater
Minnesota Energy	\$1,904.24	

Other Business:

Mayor Kuehl passed out potential roles and responsibilities for the city committees. Discussion on them took place. **Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede, seconded by Mayor Kevin Kuehl, and motion to approve committees as written. 3-2 N: Council Member Bradford Flohrs, Council Member Justin Lubben**

**Motion made by Council Member Brian Krumwiede seconded by Council Member Justin Lubben.  
Motion carried. To adjourn meeting. 5-0  
8:15 pm**

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Signed, Kevin Kuehl, Mayor

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Attest: Kelli Harder, City Clerk/ Treasurer